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WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO HELP EXPAND THE PROJECT.

"HE ADDED THAT THE US HAS DISTRIBUTED 50 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AIDS TO THIS PROJECT THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUGS ABUSE CONTROL.

"TOUCHING THE SUBJECT OF HELICOPTERS GIVEN TO THAILAND AS PART OF US NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION PROGGAMMES AID, CONGRESSMAN EVANS SAID THAT THE SEVEN HELICOPTERS THAILAND CURRENTLY POSSESSED WERE ADEQUATE TO CARRY OUT SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS PROVIDED THE HELICOPTERS WERE PROPERLY MANITAINED.

"ASKED WHETHER ANY ALLEGED DRUGS KINGPIN, SUCH AS KHUN SA, HAD OFFERED TO SELL OPIUM TO THE US GOVERNMENT, MR. EVANS SAID THAT IF THE US GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO CONSIDER SUCH A PROPOSAL BY ANY DRUGS KINGPINS, THE MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO BUYING OPIUM FROM A CRIMINAL OR PEOPLE WHO ARE PRODUCING OPIUM FOR ILLEGAL SALE.

ASKED WHETHER SUMMARY EXECUTIONS OF DRUGS TRAFFICKERS IN THAILAND WAS AGAINST PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CONCEPT, CONGRESSMAN EVANS SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONCEPT RECOGNISES BASIC RIGHTS OF PEOPLE OF THE WORLD SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO EARN A LIVING, THE RIGHT NOT TO BE PUT IN PRISON FOR POLITICAL BELIEFS. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE BREAKING OF LAWS WHICH CAUSES HUMAN DEATH OR SUFFERING, HE ADDED. HE SAID THE US CONSIDERS THAT THERE IS NO BREACH OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHERE THERE IS A TRIAL OF SOME KIND UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY. "IF SOMEONE TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS IS CONVICTED
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AND EXECUTED, I DON'T THINK THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS TONCEPT WOULD BE CONCERNED WITH THAT," HE EXPLAINED. ASKED WHETHER SEVERE PENALTY WILL DETER DRUGS TRAFFICKING, MR. EVANS SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT SEVERE SENTENCES FOR DRUGS TRAFFICKERS IS A DETERRENCE.

"IF ONE KNOWS THAT THERE IS GOOD CHANCE THAT ONE WILL BE CAUGHT AND WILL BE EXECUTED OR RECEIVE 50 YEARS IN PRISON,

THAT WILL BE A GREATER DETERRENCE THAN IF ONE KNOWS THAT ONE WILL GET 10 YEARS OR LESS. IT ALSO DETERS PEOPLE WHO MAY ENTER THE DRUGS BUSINESS TOO," SAID EVANS.

MR. EVANS SAID THAT BOTH THE US AND THAILAND ARE NOT ONLY CONCENTRATING ON SUPPRESSION, BUT ALSO ON REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT FOR DRUG ADDICTS AND HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, POL GEN POW SARASIN. THERE ARE NO CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON THE REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT AT PRESENT, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE US IS PROVIDING SOME HELP TO GET THE PROGRAMME TO START IN THAILAND"" ALSO ON JULY 10, CHINESE-LANGUAGE SHIH CHIEH JIT PAO PUBLISHED ACCOUNT OF CODEL VISIT TO CHIANG MAI GIVING DETAILED ITINERARY OF THEIR VISIT TWO DAYS EARLIER. SOCIAL COLUMNS IN FOUR OTHER PAPERS PROVIDED PHOTO COVERAGE OF SAME DINNER HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER THREE DAYS EARLIER, WITH NATION SHOWING PHOTO OF MRS. MANN WITH PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE. O'DONOHUE

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